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In re application of: Tsukasa YAMAMOTO et al. Serial No.: 09/221,656 Filing Date: December 23, 1998 For: A PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR RETAIL GOODS AND A RAW MATERIAL ORDERING SYSTEM	Art Unit: 2768 Examiner: F. Poinvil
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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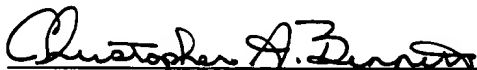
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated October 04, 2000, or until April 04, 2001.

Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form for \$890.00 to pay the three-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(3).

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